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INSIDE: A HOMECOMING FOR NEW HOSPITAL CEO **FREE**

Haliburton County Paramedic Service director, Michael Slatter, and first responder Scott Clarke are pictured outside of the EMS station in Haliburton. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Drug program 'to protect our community'

By Lisa Gervais

With 15 opioid-related deaths in Haliburton County between 2019-2023, it's hoped a new County of Haliburton program can reduce overdose harms across the Highlands.

The County has secured a nearly $1.2 million federal government grant to offer outreach to vulnerable populations.

Haliburton County Paramedic Service director, Michael Slatter, and director of community outreach, Sue Tiffin, spoke about the successful federal grant application at an April 22 County council meeting.

It's for a substance use and addictions program emergency treatment fund (ETF).

They said $1,176,390 has been approved towards eligible expenditures, including an outreach van, safety equipment, medical supplies, and staffing support and training, during the fiscal year 2026-2027. The start is backdated to April 1.

Sustainability of the program from April 1, 2027 and onward will rely on budgetary approval by County council.

Slatter said Haliburton County currently has a collaborative community mobile outreach program "within which this project can build on."

Tiffin added that, according to Lakelands Public Health, the region has experienced a higher hospitalization rate for drug poisoning than the provincial average, with

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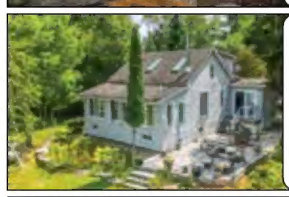

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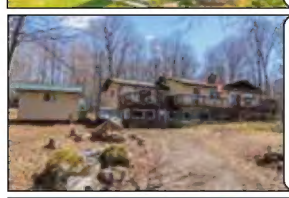

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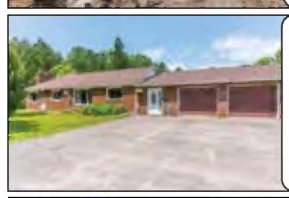

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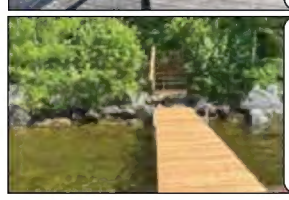

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'Mobile outreach programs are essential in filling service gaps'

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fentanyl involved in 86 per cent of opioid-related deaths in 2023.

"Although Haliburton County reported fewer deaths in 2024 compared to previous years, the unpredictability and toxicity of the unregulated drug supply continue to pose a significant threat to community health." She mentioned the 15 opioid-related deaths in the County from 2019-2023, according to Lakelands Public Health, in a joint written report with Slatter.

Slatter said the crisis is compounded by geographic isolation, limited access to health care services, and social stigma, all discouraging people from seeking help and making it difficult to deliver timely interventions.

In 2022, the County relied on a single addictions' worker. Since June 2023, it's built a larger outreach program with numerous partners offering on-site support with community paramedicine services, harm reduction services, income tax, heat and hydro programs, housing and homelessness services, literacy and employment programs, support with food insecurity, and mental health and addiction services.

Slatter said, "the idea is we'll still continue with the clinics that are run regularly throughout the County, but add a mobile component. The idea is to reach vulnerable populations throughout the County as a whole, seven days a week.

"The idea is to attend in locations where people who use drugs might congregate. The team would be available to follow up with people who have had an event whether they go to the hospital or not. The goal is to bring services to them and provide care and support in their environment."

County staffer Sue Tiffin. *File.*

Acute need

Tiffin said research from the Wellington Guelph drug strategy highlights that mobile outreach programs are essential in filling service gaps, especially in remote areas. She added these programs provide low-barrier access to harm reduction supplies, health services, and peer support, often reaching individuals who are disconnected from traditional health-care systems.

By deploying a unit in all weather, Haliburton County Paramedic Services, "will be able to reach individuals of all ages where they are, provide culturally-safe and trauma-informed care, and reduce overdose-related harms in a timely and effective manner," Tiffin said.

They'll draw on the experience of other municipalities running a similar service. Tiffin and Slatter said they'll get help from the University of Western Ontario Centre for Education Research & Innovation (CERI). The centre has experience in doing research on outreach programs, including the Supportive Outreach Services (SOS) program operated by Grey County. That program offers a range of life-saving interventions, such as overdose reversal, mental health support, addiction support services, distribution of naloxone and other harm reduction items.

Naloxone is a fast-acting, life-saving medication used to temporarily reverse opioid overdoses. It works within minutes, restoring breathing, and is available as a nasal spray or injection, often without a prescription.

CAO Gary Dyke said it was a significant achievement for the County and its partner municipalities. Slatter said they were one of 10 successful applicants from 400.

Coun. Bob Carter said he hoped funding can be secured as the program continues past the grant period. However, he said for now they were addressing an "unmet need both with drugs and mental health. This is going to be money well spent, and money that needs to be spent to protect our community."

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Hospital CEO comes home

By Mike Baker

The new figurehead at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), Jack Hutchison, said he intends to lean on the community to help identify pressing needs and future enhancements to local health care.

He started with the organization as president and CEO March 30. The past month has been spent getting up to speed with HHHS operations and refamiliarizing himself with a community he loves. Hutchison was raised in Minden and graduated from Hal High.

"This is very much a homecoming. My mom grew up here, our family moved to Minden when I was six, so this is where most of my earliest childhood memories were made," Hutchison said. "I didn't know when we'd be back, but we knew we wanted to return home someday."

His wife also grew up in Haliburton County. In 2019, despite working in Ontario's far north on the shores of James Bay, the couple bought a cottage in the area and have been returning for visits ever since. They were here last fall on vacation when Hutchison saw the posting for his new job.

Hutchison returns to the Highlands with more than a decade's experience in the health-care sector. He first joined the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) in 2014 as a human resources staffer, moving up the ranks to HR manager and vice president of HR and organizational development before landing the vice president of people, performance and clinical support role.

In 2022, he spent nine months with Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville as its vice president of people and culture but returned to WAHA as its chief operating officer in January 2023.

Over the past three years he's had to navigate complex logistical challenges – of the six communities he was responsible for, four of them were fly-in only. One of those was located about 400 kilometres away from the WAHA main office.

"It taught me how important it is to be adaptable, to think on your feet and be innovative when you work in rural health care. One of the biggest pieces for me was ensuring that, no matter where someone is, that access to quality health care is the same for everyone. That's something I'll strive to maintain every day at HHHS," Hutchison said.

Doing more

With the Haliburton site seeing major investment over the past couple of years, after the addition of CT and mammography and expansion of X-ray services, Hutchison said he doesn't have a specific focus regarding new services just yet.

HHHS is still awaiting a decision from the province on plans to consolidate long-term care services in Minden, with an application to add 98 beds to Hyland Crest still pending. If approved, that would allow HHHS to repurpose Highland Wood long-term care in Haliburton.

New HHHS president and CEO, Jack Hutchison, said he jumped at the chance to return home to Haliburton County. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

"That area would be expanded for more acute care services for the County. We hope to add more beds… investigate what specialty services we could bring in on different days," Hutchison said.

Haliburton County is one of the poorest regions in Ontario and Hutchison said he also wanted to boost HHHS' social programs.

"We're a big geography, which provides challenges to some people. We work closely with our foundation to make sure people are fed, we have folks getting 12 free meals per month funded through HHHSF. We have patient transport so people can get from their home to appointments and group sessions. We have a big impact in the community that way and it's something I'd like to do more of."

Hutchison said there are plans for community town halls later this year to provide updates on HHHS' master planning process and to hear concerns from the public. He confirmed HHHS will have its annual general meeting in Minden June 25.

"I think anything we do [in terms of future improvements] has to be thoughtful and purposeful, really driven by the community and ensuring they meet the needs of our patients," he said.

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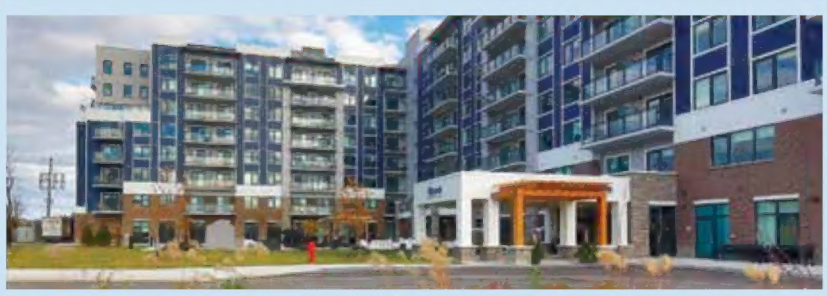

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New doc starting

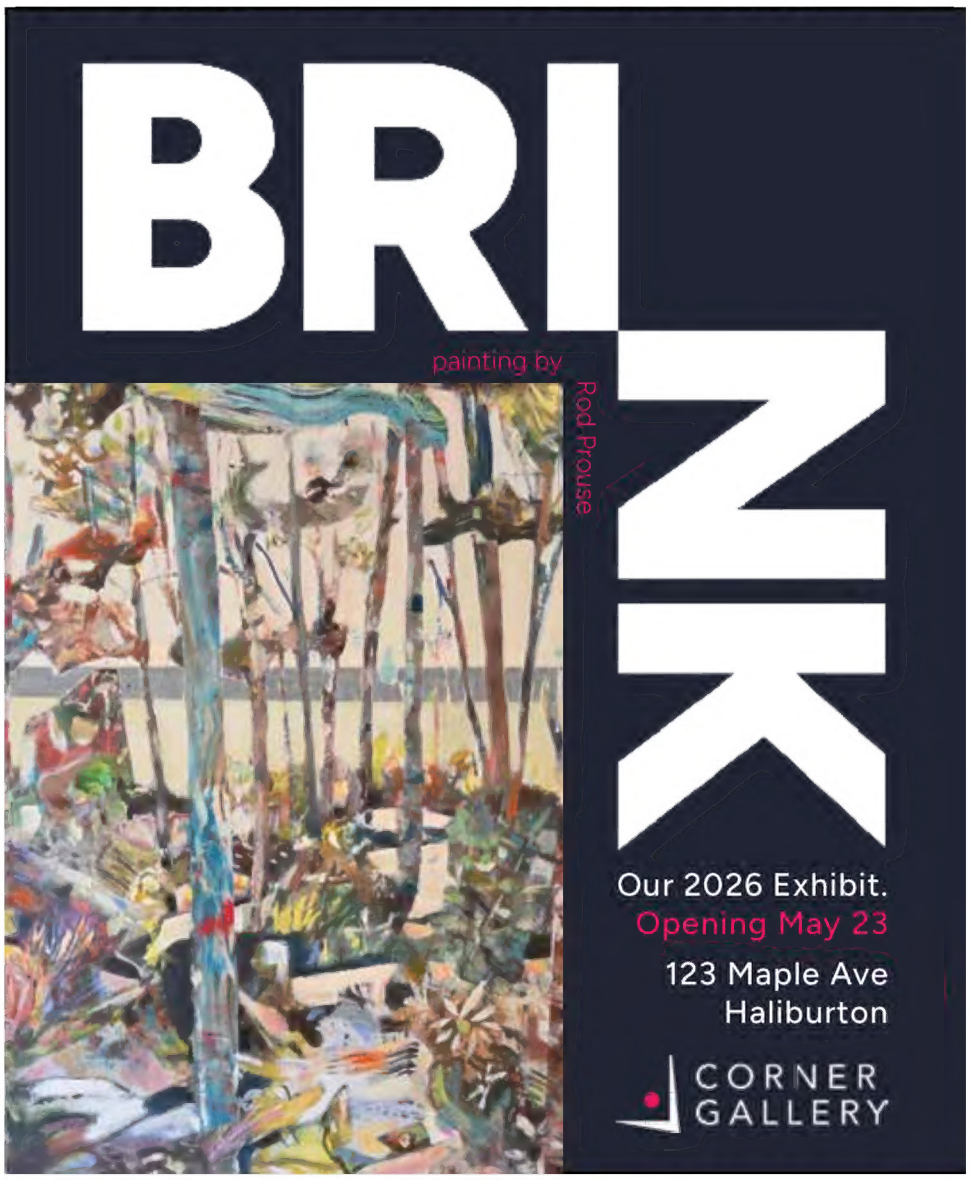
The County of Haliburton, in partnership with Haliburton Highlands Family Health Organization (HHFHO) physicians practice, and Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), said Dr. Jeet George will be joining the HHFHO, as a primary health care provider, and HHHS, as of May 1.

Dr. George has broad expertise in general practice, emergency medicine, and procedural anaesthesia. He practiced medicine in the UK for eight years before relocating to Australia. He has been practicing a combination of family, emergency and GP anesthesia in Australia for the past 17 years.

Dr. George will be rostering 700 new patients in Haliburton County and has committed to providing medical services to the Highlands for six years.

Dr. George contacted staff in February 2025 in response to a job posting on the British Medical Journal website. He and his family travelled from Australia to visit Haliburton County and did a tour of medical facilities in August 2025.

''My family and I are beyond excited for this big move. This started from a response to a job advertisement a bit more than a year ago. Looking at the stunning area and surroundings, we had to visit; we were captivated and bowled over when we did. The steadfast support, provided by recruitment coordinator, Wendy Welch, and the local physicians and administration staff, was instrumental in making this happen. We are finally ready and look forward to being a part of this wonderful community," Dr. George said. *(Lisa Gervais)*



Revered Kinmount historian Guy Scott died April 15, aged 70. *File.*

Community in mourning for 'spirit of Kinmount'

By Mike Baker

The Kinmount community is still reeling following the recent loss of one of its greatest champions.

Longtime teacher and historian, Guy Scott, died April 15 at age 70. The son of Betty and Bill Scott, Guy was the fifth generation of Scotts in Kinmount, along with his sister, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

Laurie Scott told *The Highlander* during an April 27 interview that her brother had numerous health challenges over the past five years, but it was a recent sickness, that developed over about six weeks, that took him.

"Guy was Guy right until the end. I saw him about 12 hours before he passed, we had dinner together and he was still talking about his next project," Laurie said. "He was still uncovering new things he didn't know about the history of the area. He just loved that stuff. He never stopped, right up to his last day."

Seven years her elder, Laurie said Guy was always a great influence during her childhood. They spent a lot of time together on a family farm on Crystal Lake Road. As a teen, he coached her baseball team and was always quick to teach her about the family's rich history in the area.

As he got older, Guy's ties to Kinmount only strengthened. He had a lifelong love affair with the Kinmount Fair, where he was a two-time president. He also served as the provincial president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. Laurie said Guy, who was known as 'the spirit of Kinmount', inherited his enthusiasm for the fair from their father, seeing it as the ultimate celebration of community.

He served as editor of the *Kinmount Gazette* for many years and volunteered his time with the Trent Lakes Historical Society, Kinmount Artisans Guild, Haliburton Highlands Genealogical Group and the Kinmount Masonic Lodge. Guy also spent 10 years as a municipal councillor in the old Galway-Cavendish township that later amalgamated into Trent Lakes.

Not content to simply talk history, Guy made every effort to record it too. He wrote several books, including *The History of Kinmount: A Community on the Fringe, The Story of the Kinmount Fair,* and *Where Duty Leads: The 109th Battalion in WWI* that detailed his grandfather's experiences fighting in Europe.

Guy fought to preserve the community's railway station, which now serves as a museum, and has helped shed light on Kinmount's historic ties with Iceland. Through his research, Guy learned about a large group of new Canadians who arrived from Iceland in September 1874, to work on the Victoria railway line. The immigrants established Hayford, a ghost town along the Burnt River that Guy discovered and took many groups of Icelandic descendants to see after he wrote about it in his history of Kinmount.

Janice Stange, chair of the Trent Lakes Historical Society, said Guy's death has been a shock to everyone.

"He was our enthusiastic go-to for any stories and information from the past. Even in these days of technology, he was our link to classic north country history," Stange said. "We'll never be able to say enough about his contributions to the area and its history. It's a different world without him."

Laurie said her brother was a family man at heart – devoted to his wife, Lori, and their children. He'll also be remembered as a pioneer in digital education after serving for many years as a history and civics teacher with the Virtual Learning Centre.

It will be his many contributions to Kinmount that Guy will be most remembered for, Laurie said.

"He believed in this community – he used to say if you love the place you live enough, it becomes the centre of your universe. That describes how Guy felt about Kinmount," Laurie said. "I'll miss being able to pick up the phone and call him, because he usually had the answer to any question I had."

A celebration of life will be held at the Kinmount Fairgrounds Arena May 9, with visitation from noon and ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

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Dysart to fix air quality at health centre

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council has approved a near-$26,000 spend to fix airflow issues at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, though staff have warned that may not completely solve the odour issues that have plagued the facility in recent months.

CAO Tamara Wilbee told council April 28 that engineering firm Pinchin investigated the site in March and found a shortfall in outdoor air ventilation supply to some units within the building. While mould wasn't a concern, Pinchin discovered elevated levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) in 13 of 27 tested locations on the first floor – with some three times the standard amount. On the second floor, three of nine locations exhibited elevated levels of CO2.

In its report, Pinchin stated the building's airflow system was likely contributing to the issue. When temperatures within units reach their set amounts, airflow is reduced meaning less outdoor air is brought into the building, which increases CO2 levels.

The township hired Walker's Heating and Cooling to complete an air audit of the facility. Council approved the firm installing new HRV heating systems in the Haliburton Vision Care, Hill Chiropractic and Physiotherapy and LifeLabs space and the downstairs hallway for $23,913. Another $2,000 will be spent on electrical work.

Dysart is spending almost $26,000 addressing airflow issues at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre. *File.*

While the project wasn't included in the 2026 budget, treasurer Brayden Robinson said it could be pulled from the $45,000 council committed to putting into a medical centre reserve fund this year.

Most businesses at the centre have remained open, but LifeLabs has been closed since March 25. Wilbee said LifeLabs has written a letter to the township asking for updates.

"They want to know what we're doing to fix these problems," Wilbee said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said he's heard from many Haliburton residents who are upset about the closure, forcing them to leave town for bloodwork. With the work still expected to take a couple of weeks to complete, the mayor asked if there was any other local facility LifeLabs could use in the interim. Councillors Nancy Wood-Roberts and Pat Casey suggested the legion.

"They need an area to do blood collection… they would need a chair, a fridge to put samples and that's about it. It doesn't have to be rocket science for a short-term stay," Wood-Roberts said.

Wilbee said a trailer could also be brought into the medical centre parking lot, though noted LifeLabs has not made any request.

The CAO also suggested council put out an RFP to complete a full excavation of three sides of the building to re-waterproof it. She said pooling groundwater, which has entered the rear of the building before, is contributing to the bad odour.

Casey said that would likely be an expensive fix and could take up to a month to complete. A full report on costing and project timelines will be presented at council's May 26 meeting.

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The township wants to hear from people about a proposed new crosswalk in the downtown. *File.*

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Public access AED

A new public access automated external defibrillator (AED) unit has been installed in downtown Minden to help enhance community safety and emergency response.

The AED is located in the information kiosk across from the post office, making it easily accessible in a central, high-traffic area.

The unit was donated by Matt and Deborah Renda of Boshkung Brewing.

The township said their contribution "reflects a strong commitment to community well-being and public health."

An official unveiling will take place April 30 at 10 a.m., during a scheduled break in the council meeting. Members of council will be in attendance to recognize the installation and the donors' contribution. Traffic cones will be temporarily placed to block two parking spaces near the kiosk during the unveiling. There will be no road closures, and regular traffic flow will not be affected. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend and learn more about the important lifesaving resource.

Consultation on crosswalk

Minden Hills wants feedback from area businesses, residents and the community about the proposed plan for a new pedestrian crosswalk on Bobcaygeon Road in the downtown.

The township is working with a consultant, Engage Engineering, which has developed the concept.

A webpage has been developed that provides details on the drawings along with a link to a report presented to the March 26 council meeting. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/pedestrian.

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, said, "the community is invited to review the conceptual drawings, details and to provide their questions and thoughts on this plan."

Feedback will be received until May 1; emailed to admin@mindenhills.ca.

Timmins added, "this feedback is valued and provides important information that will be used to report back to council on the public input received."

Virtual septic information

The municipality will host a virtual information session about the 2026 septic re-inspection program May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Residents and property owners are invited to learn about program requirements, inspection schedules, and homeowner responsibilities for the upcoming season.

To participate, contact Claudia Krause at mhsrp@haliburtoncounty.ca for the meeting link and further details. The township website has information on the program and zone maps www.mindenhills.ca/septic-reinspection.

Nominations open May 1

The township said nomination forms for mayor, deputy mayor and councillors are now available at their office at 7 Milne St.

Nominations must be made on a prescribed form and include signatures of at least 25 electors within the municipality endorsing the nomination. School board trustees are excluded from the 25-signature requirement. Nomination forms are also available on the township website.

All nomination forms must be filed, either in-person or by an agent, with the returning officer during normal office hours between May 1 and Aug. 20, and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Aug. 21.

The required filing fee for mayor is $200 and all other offices $100. Cash, debit, certified cheque, or money order made payable to the Township of Minden Hills must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed can be obtained from the returning officer. The returning officer is Vicki Bull: 705-286-1260 ext. 585; toll free: 1-844-277-1260; email: elections@mindenhills.ca

There is also an English language school board trustee and a French language school board trustee to be elected.

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Tackling drugs

By Lisa Gervais

Earlier this month, Lakelands Public Health issued an alert due to a notable increase in suspected drug poisonings in Northumberland County.

It's not the first time they have had to issue a warning for the health unit region.

In this case, they think it's fentanyl; appearing as a light brown colour, with a lighter colour inside. It may smell like motor oil prior to being heated and may have an unusual texture.

Due to the toxicity of the substance, they said more than one dose of naloxone may be required. Naloxone is a fast-acting, life-saving medication used to temporarily reverse opioid overdoses by binding to opioid receptors and blocking the effects of drugs such as fentanyl, heroin, and morphine. It works within minutes, restoring breathing, and is available as a nasal spray or injection, often without a prescription.

All drugs can cause an overdose, including street drugs, prescription medication, or over-the counter drugs. However, as more potent opioid and non-opioid substances are mixed, people who use unregulated drugs are continuously exposed to a toxic and unpredictable supply that can result in drug poisonings leading to serious injuries or death.

The problem is everywhere and Haliburton County is no exception.

Fifteen opioid-related deaths occurred in the Highlands between 2019-2023, according to the 2024 Lakelands Public Health drug strategy report. The crisis is compounded by geographic isolation, limited access to health care services, and social stigma, all discouraging people from seeking help and making it difficult to deliver timely interventions.

I've never come across someone I suspected was drug poisoned. I don't have a naloxone kit in my car or on my person. I'm not confident I would be able to respond with the care required to bring a person back to life.

So, I welcome the County of Haliburton and its Haliburton County Paramedic Services' new outreach program – thanks to a one-time grant of $1.2 million to buy a van, hire staff, and equipment to respond to drug poisonings and other crises 24/7. They got the money from the feds' Emergency Treatment Fund.

It's hard to believe that in 2022 there was only one addictions worker in the Highlands. But, since June 2023, the County has collaboratively built a community outreach program with numerous partners. They offer on-site support with community paramedic services; harm reduction services; income tax and heat and hydro programs; housing and homelessness services; literacy and employment programs; support with food insecurity, and mental health and addiction services.

Studies show people, by and large, don't think they'll get addicted to drugs and there is no risk of overdosing. However, people are using opioids without prescriptions and, in 2019, there were 251 cases of drug poisoning among the wider population.

The region has experienced a higher hospitalization rate for drug poisoning than the provincial average, with fentanyl involved in 86 per cent of opioid-related deaths in 2023. Although Haliburton County reported fewer deaths in 2024 compared to previous years, the unpredictability and toxicity of the unregulated drug supply continue to pose a significant threat to community health.

So, a mobile harm reduction service appears timely.

My only regret is that the feds are giving us one-time funding only. That funding will run out next spring, and it will be up to County taxpayers to shoulder the load – estimated at approximately $900,000 to Dec. 31, 2028.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, when will the province of Ontario stop downloading services, such as mental health and addictions, to municipalities and actually step up and provide money. Mind you, it all comes from the same pocket – whether federal, provincial, or municipal – and that is yours and mine.

SAWDUST STORIES

Believe in tomorrow

By Darren Lum

My dad gives me perspective when it comes to monotony.

I don't know how my dad endured the Second World War, but I suspect he believed in tomorrow.

He saw terrible things and went hungry at times. At eight years old, his daily task after the war was to stand in line for a bag of rice to feed his family of 11. That kind of bleak existence would break most people, but he returned each day. In a country rebuilding, there wasn't much reason for hope. Now, near the end of his life, he's grateful for each day — a lesson in endurance.

Every job has its monotony. Left unchecked, it wears you down. Perspective is what keeps it in check.

Studies have linked optimism to lower rates of heart disease and even longer lifespans. Whether optimism causes those outcomes or simply is aligned with healthier habits isn't entirely clear, but the pattern is hard to ignore. A positive mindset isn't something we're born with. One method is to employ the best possible self practice, which showed an improvement after one session. Take five minutes a day to imagine the best possible future. My father never said this outright, but I doubt he was focused only on the present while standing in that line.

Nothing I do in construction compares to what he endured. Still, how I approach the work matters.

Painting dozens of spindles could have been a chore, but I treated it as a chance to improve. Did I complain at times? Sure. I'm human.

When purpose isn't obvious, I break the work into manageable goals, whether by the minute or hour. Training for a marathon taught me that 42.5 kilometres isn't conquered on race day. It's built over months. Runs in the rain, the snow, the sleet. And for me, the first step was always the hardest. Showing up, again and again, is what made the difference.

I've had a range of jobs since I left my 23-year career in journalism.

Writer and photographer, township employee tasked with helping tourists book campsites and canoes, dogsled guide and now construction.

In every role, the constant was me. I could focus on what wasn't working, or I could look for what was.

Sometimes, that meant standing at the Frost Centre with no bookings, taking in the breeze coming off St. Nora Lake. Other times, it meant showing up for the dogs and the clients, standing in the cold as the snow fell around me. The circumstances changed, but the choice didn't.

When I lose sight of that, I think of my dad as a boy standing in line, believing in tomorrow.

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Transportation problems

Dear editor,

Deborah Watson had a point when she said there are no transportation options in the area.

The bus to Toronto is gone. There is no rail - unlike the Hwy. 11 corridor. High-speed rail might come to Peterborough, but with no local network; so what?

We need public transportation on Hwy. 35 to Lindsay and Peterborough. Service to Gravenhurst would connect to rail. If the province won't help, the four mayors need to collaborate to make it happen.

Mark Nicholls
Coboconk

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A damaged tree over the Drag River in Haliburton village finally came down Apr 29. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Constantly reinventing her life

by Susan Tromanhauser

Reinvention is in Midori Nagai's blood.

While studying in Manchuria, China, Nagai's Japanese father was sent to Siberia, held as a prisoner of war. There, he developed a survivalist, entrepreneurial spirit, trading his skills in martial arts with the Soviet guards in exchange for food.

When he finally returned to his home in Japan, he no longer fit into the mold of homogenous Japanese business culture, so he took his education as a metallurgical engineer and immigrated to Toronto with his wife and two daughters.

Nagai, at the age of six with no English, began her new Canadian life. Nagai took lessons learned from her father and reinvented herself many times.

After graduation from Ontario College of Arts and Design University, Nagai spent her 20s travelling through Europe, living in Florence, and later spending time in Mexico. She also visited family in Japan, but eventually returned to Toronto to use her arts education and earn a living weaving tapestries and creating art installations.

In Toronto, she became friends with the owner of a costume shop near her home and was offered a job to supplement her meagre income. There, she met people in the film and television industry and soon Nagai reinvented herself into the world of costume design.

Film and television contracts provided steady work for 20 years. She enjoyed the work and met interesting people but 12-14-hour days, early morning calls, and late-night wraps, began to take their toll. Nagai reinvented herself again – leaving the world of urban Toronto, and in 2007, moved to the rural life of Haliburton Highlands.

To get involved in her new community, Nagai entered a video contest, 48-Create. Her two daughters, then ages nine and 11, enjoyed the family event, but when Nagai picked up the camera, she knew immediately what her next reinvention would be. Years as a costume designer developed a sense of what cinematographers wanted and the video experience made Nagai realize video creation was what she wanted. She began doing archival projects, remotely creating video content for IT professionals and working with local Sticks and Stones productions.

Through her new career, Nagai was introduced to the wider arts community. She soon became involved in many organizations, volunteering with Those Other Movies and dusting off her clarinet to join the Highlands Wind Symphony and Swing Band. She also learned best practices on conserving the beautiful nature area she now calls home through involvement with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

Initially, Nagai missed the wide variety of ethnic foods available in multicultural Toronto, but she solved that dilemma by learning to make her favourite dishes herself. She admits it took some time to get used to businesses closing early in the Highlands, but she quickly adapted to the lack of traffic and quiet nature hikes.

Her daughters, now adults, have returned to Toronto to invent their own careers, but Nagai is satisfied with how her life has transformed and she has no plans to leave the Highlands.

Midori Nagai. *Submitted.*

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2026 Municipal Election

Thinking of Running for Council... Now What?

Free - Candidate Information Workshop

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129
719 Mountain St. Haliburton

Who Should Attend:

- Potential candidates
- Spouse or partner (family members of potential candidates)
- Anyone interested in learning more about local government

Anyone who is considering running for the role of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Ward Councillor in any of the County of Haliburton municipalities is invited to attend a free candidate information session.

The information session **"Thinking of Running for Council…Now What?"** will be led by Clerks on Call, municipal management consultants with over 30 years of municipal experience. The session will provide an overview of the understanding the reasons to run—or not run—for council, key considerations before entering the race, the roles and responsibilities of council members and staff, the powers and influence of municipal government, the importance of transparency and accountability, and strategies for engaging with the media and the public.

There is no registration required for in person attendance.

Nominations to run for Council commence on May 1, 2026. Nomination Day is Friday, August 21, 2026 (9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.). Municipal Election Day will be held October 26, 2026.

Hosted by Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipalities of Highlands East and Dysart et al and the Township of Minden Hills

The public can check out first responders' equipment this Friday. *File.*

First responders day

By Lisa Gervais

Members of Haliburton County Paramedic Service, municipal fire departments, and the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police have collectively come together to invite the public to a free Haliburton County community open house to learn more about the critical role professional and volunteer emergency responders have in keeping our communities safe.

Residents of all ages are invited to visit bases, halls, and stations throughout Haliburton County on May 1 from 3-7 p.m. for a variety of activities. Bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbour, or stop by yourself.

Members of the public will be able to meet local and visiting emergency personnel, learn about available programs and services, hear about volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles. Activities will vary at each location.

The event happens rain or shine.

Locations:

Highlands East
- Station 4, 2259 Loop Rd., Wilberforce

Algonquin Highlands
- Station 60, 1060 Main St., Dorset
- Station 70, Oxtongue Lake, 3979 ON-60, Dwight
- Station 80, 1123 North Shore Rd., Stanhope

Dysart et al
- Dysart fire department and EMS base, South Street (behind the arena), Haliburton

Minden Hills
- Minden paramedic base and fire department, 12418 Hwy. 35, Minden

NOTICE OF SALE OF BOARDER'S ANIMAL

(Innkeepers Act, R.S.O. 1990)

The Wild Life, acting as innkeeper/boarding stable, claims a lien under the Innkeepers Act for unpaid boarding and related services in the amount of $5,005.00 CAD owing by Rich Bailey owner of the herein described animal. Transport costs will be added to the outstanding balance.

The animal to be sold is described as follows:

- One (1) Clydesdale mare, approximately 7 years of age

The above-described animal, having been boarded at The Wild Life, will be offered for public sale by auction to satisfy the outstanding debt.

SALE DETAILS:

- Location: Kawartha Lakes Sales Barn
- Date: Saturday, May 9th
- Time: During regular auction proceedings

The sale will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Innkeepers Act. Proceeds of the sale will be applied toward the outstanding balance, with any surplus handled in accordance with applicable law.

A past School's Cool graduates. *File.*

School's Cool returns

By Lisa Gervais

After initially facing cancellation for 2026, SIRCH Community Services says its long-running School's Cool program will go ahead this summer - thanks to the generosity of community donors and partners.

SIRCH said support from CIBC, the County of Haliburton, and individual donors has made it possible to bring the program back.

For more than 25 years, School's Cool has supported children in Haliburton County who may need a little extra help before entering Junior Kindergarten. This year's program will take place at Stuart Baker Elementary School, where a kindergarten classroom has been generously made available.

Up to 21 children will be accepted, with a focus on four-year-olds entering JK this fall who may be experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech and language, difficulty with social interaction, or low confidence in group settings.

Delivered over six weeks in a small, structured classroom environment, the program focuses on building language, early literacy and numeracy, social skills, emotional regulation, and independence.

"Just as importantly, it helps children feel comfortable, capable, and excited about going to school," SIRCH said.

The organization added participants typically gain close to a full year of developmental growth—a shift that can change not only how they start school, but how they experience learning moving forward.

Families who are accepted will be contacted by program coordinator Paula White, a retired principal with years of kindergarten experience, who will guide them through the next steps.

SIRCH is also hiring one lead instructor and two additional instructors with backgrounds in teaching, early childhood education, or educational assistance.

Applications are now open. The program will run from July 6 to August 13. The parent fee is $5 per day.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

Please be advised, that the Township of Algonquin Highlands staff will be completing the annual spring clean-up at our Municipal Cemeteries.

The clean-up will begin Monday, April 27 and will be ongoing until May 15, 2026.

This clean-up effort will include removal of items that were displaced over the winter and that do not comply the Cemetery By-Law 2025-97, section 4, https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/media/ywxbu5ki/2025-97-cemetery-rules-and-regulations-acc.pdf

The clean-up helps to ensure the cemeteries remain a safe and accessible space for friends and families to visit. Maintenance Staff will be placing items in the storage bins at each cemetery for the items to be claimed.

All unclaimed items that remain after June 1, 2026, will be disposed of appropriately.

Cemeteries are scheduled to re-open May 1, 2026.

If you require more information, please contact us at 705-489-2379 or email cemetery@algonquinhighlands.ca.

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Highlander events

Wild Honey Hoedown kicks off spring

The annual Spring Johnny Burke Foundation Fundraiser was held at the Haliburton Legion April 26. Wild Honey Hoedown featured the best in country music including Jamie Oliver, Christine Vaillancourt, and Scott McGregor, backed by a band consisting of Steve Piticco on lead, Doug Johnson on steel, Wayne Ferguson on fiddle, Monty Flindall on drums and more. Proceeds are in support of the foundation. The primary intention of the foundation is to be an ally for the #notinmycity initiative, which aims to prevent, disrupt and end sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Secondly, the foundation provides a yearly, financial, one-time grant, to a youth in the country music field who meets the requirements set forth by the board of directors and voted upon. Lastly, the foundation gives $1,000 a year to the Rogersville Country Festival, in New Brunswick, to help hire acts *(Lisa Gervais).*

Top: Steve Piticco on lead. Bottom: Christine Vaillancourt croons her heart out. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*

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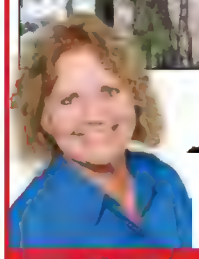

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These are the people that step up each year. We are grateful and we appreciate all that you do for Br. 129.
We Will Remember Them.

Christina Briggs
1st Vice President

Lest we forget

Remembrance was front and centre on a special night at the Haliburton Legion April 24. The local branch welcomed people for its 2026 student awards celebration, commemorating youth who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests. The tradition has been running for more than 20 years, encouraging students from Stuart Baker and J.D. Hodgson elementary schools and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to honour the sacrifices of Canadian veterans through personalized works. Legion member Carolyn Millard again organized this year's event. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: The winners pose for a group photo. Bottom left: Mazey Robinson won first place for senior poetry and second place for senior essay. Bottom right: June & Hadley Judson won in several categories at Legion level, and went on to Zone. They read their essays, written after interviewing veterans Michelle Perrone and Nick Bryant. *Submitted.*

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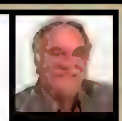

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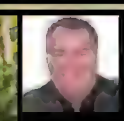

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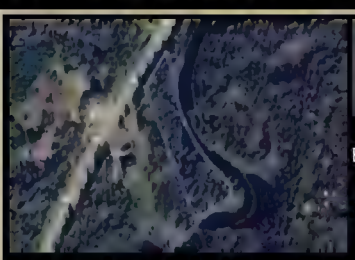

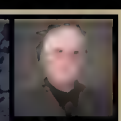

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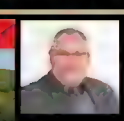

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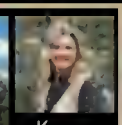

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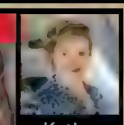

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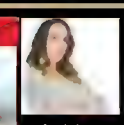

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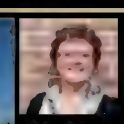

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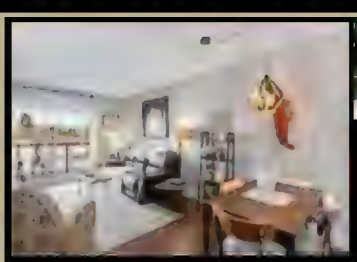

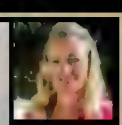

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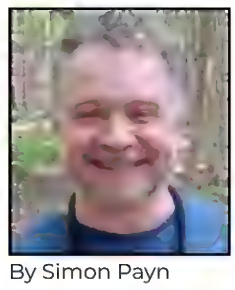
The wintergreen on the shoreline



By Simon Payn

I made my first visit to a client's cottage last week. There were still drifts of snow piled up by the plow. But I'm ready for spring to be here.

Rufus, my dog, was ready, too. The ice was out so he had a muddy splash in the lake.

We were looking at my client's shoreline. As I always do, I glanced down at what was there already. Not much, of course, it was still April.

But beneath the cedars and spruces, I saw what I thought was the tiny leaves of wintergreen.

I picked one of the leaves and handed it to one of my clients. She crushed it, smelled it and passed it to her partner. Yes indeed. Wintergreen.

Most of my client's shoreline was natural – thick, layered vegetation.

The cottage was surrounded by water on three sides with liminal, partly wet, partly dry areas where the water ebbed and flowed. By these grew meadowsweet, blue flag iris, and lowbush blueberry. Further inland was mainly coniferous forest – cedar, hemlock, and spruce.

The only part without much vegetation was near their firepit. They simply wanted that final patch to be naturalized, too.

> The shoreline becomes a line on a spreadsheet. The plants and the water are variables in a mortgage calculation. You're standing apart from the land, not being part of it.

Healthy shorelines

A vegetated buffer keeps the lake healthy because it slows run-off and helps prevent erosion.

A natural shoreline also helps cottage prices. A study in 2014 found buyers pay about 2% more for each foot of Secchi disc measurements – the standard test to measure water clarity. A healthy shoreline is part of what keeps the lake clear.

This number keeps popping up in my head. I've even mentioned it to clients. I've written about it on my website. Once you know this number, you can't unknow it.

And that's a problem because it does something to your relationship with your land and the lake.

The shoreline becomes a line on a spreadsheet. The plants and the water are variables in a mortgage calculation.

You're standing apart from the land, not being part of it.

But somewhere in the back of my mind, hopeful green leaves and the unmistakable scent of wintergreen linger.

Seeing

We're often encouraged to help the environment because it's good for us. Being in nature makes us healthier and happier. A natural garden means we spend less on gas and fewer precious weekend hours mowing the lawn. A clean, healthy lake helps make our cottages worth more.

All these are true. But I can't help but notice what it does to me when I think this way. I'm removed from the land I live in. Somehow less human, like I'm separate from the grass and the rocks, not part of them.

I'm seeing the world through my thoughts, which means I fail to notice the layers of sedges, the fallen pine cones and, yes, the tiny leaves of wintergreen.

It wasn't like that last week. That afternoon I stood on the shoreline and felt the first rays of spring warmth after a long, snowy winter. The moss was squishy where it had soaked up the spring runoff. The hollow ground of roots and needles had the comforting scent of my childhood weekends amid the pine forests of eastern England. And Rufus, muddy and noisy, was splashing in the water and pulling at fallen sticks.

These are the times when I feel human, part of the world.

I think the cottage owners felt it, too.

I'll be adding more wintergreen to that shoreline this summer.

Simon Payn owns Grounded, which designs, installs and cares for ecological gardens and shorelines. Visit groundedgardens.ca.

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Cards for a cause

The Haliburton food bank got an injection of cash April 19 from the 'euchre for a cause' event. It was held in the Haliburton Legion club room. Lana Harvey said they raised more than $425 from cards, and the Legion added to the total with tips from an April 18 event. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Above: John Brown, Emile Duchene, Kim Brown and Jane Duchene. *Submitted.*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Virtual Septic Re-inspection Information Session

The **Township of Minden Hills** will host a virtual information session regarding the **2026 Septic Re-inspection Program**. Residents and property owners are invited to learn about program requirements, inspection schedules, and homeowner responsibilities for the upcoming season.

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Virtual (Online)

How to Participate:

Please email Claudia at mhsrp@mindenhills.ca for the meeting link and further details.

For questions, contact Claudia at the Township at **705-286-1260** EXT 517 or email.

Highlander events

Global rhythms

Razzamataz hosted the Chris McKhool, Earth, Seas and Air show April 12. Chairperson, Nicole Stewart said 120 people attended. “There was lots of audience participation and, after the show, we offered a free workshop to learn about global rhythms and different kinds of instruments.” The show brought the 2025-26 season to an end. Keep an eye on their website for 2026-27 offerings. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Above: There was a lot of audience participation at the April 12 Razzamataz kids’ show. *Submitted.*

MY Haliburton HIGHLANDS
Seniors Active Living Centre

Check out this month’s SALC events and activities for residents aged 55+

Board game drop-in – various dates in May

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Senior Balance Fitness Class

May 1, 13, 14, 21, 29
Needle Felting: Butterflies

May 4 & 21
Painting Class

May 4, 11, 25
Qi Gong for Seniors

May 5,12,19,26
Seniors Stretch Class

May 5, 12, 19, 26
Seniors Cardio & Balance Fitness Class

May 5, 12, 19, 26
Exercise Classes with Georgia

May 6, 7, 15, 20, 26
Genealogy for Seniors

May 6, 20
Chair Yoga with Lorrie

May 6, 13, 20, 27
Yarners Social

May 7, 14, 21, 28
Breathwork Class

May 8, 12, 15, 21
Tech Help Walk-In Clinic

May 9
Coffee House with Heart & Soul

May 10
Happy Mother’s Day Pina Colada Social

May 11
Webinar – Victorian Tea Etiquette

May 12, 26
Seniors Line Dancing

May 14
Spring Wildflower & Wild Leek Walk

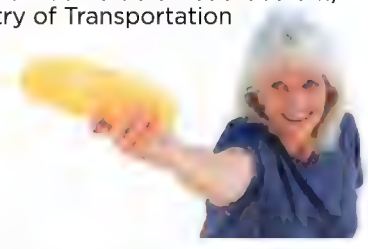
May 14 & 28
Chair Yoga with Ardith

May 19 & 26
Demystify AI

May 21
Poetry with Patricia

May 22
Cribbage Friday

May 25
Webinar: Vulnerable Road Users w/ Ministry of Transportation



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Funding for this program has been provided by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

For full details, visit HaliburtonCounty.ca/SALC or pick up a calendar at a municipal office, library or Legion near you!

Glebe Park Open House

Saturday, May 9, 10:00am–12:00pm

Great Hall, Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design

297 College Drive, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0

Join the Glebe Park and Museum Committee for a presentation on the developments and improvements in Glebe Park over the past years. Following the presentation, join us for short a tour to see what’s new in the Park. Light refreshments served.

www.dysartetal.ca/explore-and-play

NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

2026 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions listed below must be made on the prescribed form (Form 1) and **must** include signatures of **at least 25 persons** (eligible electors within your municipality) endorsing the nomination on the prescribed form (Form 2) **(School Board Trustees are excluded from the 25 signature requirement)**. Nomination forms are available at your local municipal Clerk's Office or on the municipality's website. All Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by your agent, by appointment, with the Clerk/Returning Officer of the appropriate municipality during normal office hours between May 1, 2026 to Thursday, August 20, 2026, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026 (Nomination Day).

The required filing fee for the Head of Council is $200.00 and all other offices are $100.00, cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality and must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the appropriate Municipal Clerk. Please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment to file your nomination.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED:

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MAYOR	(1)	MAYOR	(1)
COUNCILLOR		DEPUTY MAYOR	(1)
Ward 1	(1)	COUNCILLOR	
Ward 2	(2)	Ward 1	(1)
Ward 3	(1)	Ward 2	(1)
		Ward 3	(1)
		Ward 4	(1)
		Ward 5	(1)
Returning Officer – Dawn Newhook		Returning Officer – Amanda Duncombe-Lee	
Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-489-2379 www.algonquinhighlands.ca Email: dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca		**Municipality of Dysart et al** 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 www.dysartetal.ca Email: aduncombe-lee@dysartetal.ca	
Municipality of Highlands East		**Township of Minden Hills**	
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COUNCILLOR		DEPUTY MAYOR	(1)
Ward 1	(1)	COUNCILLOR	
Ward 2	(1)	At Large	(1)
Ward 3	(1)	Ward 1	(2)
Ward 4	(1)	Ward 2	(1)
		Ward 3	(1)
Returning Officer – Robyn Rogers		Returning Officer – Vicki Bull	
Municipality of Highlands East 2249 Loop Road P.O. Box 295 Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 Tel: 705-448-2981 www.highlandseast.ca/election/ Email: HEelection2026@highlandseast.ca		**Township of Minden Hills** 7 Milne Street P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Tel: 705-286-1260 ext. 585 Toll Free: 1-844-277-1260 www.mindenhills.ca Email: elections@mindenhills.ca	

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED

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Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Township of Dysart et al	Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, City of Oshawa or a local Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer within Sector 1 with delegated authority.
Returning Officer – Amanda Duncombe-Lee	**The County of Haliburton Local Municipal Clerk(s)/Returning Officer(s) and municipal contact information is above.**
Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 Email: *aduncombe-lee@dysartetal.ca* Website: www.dysartetal.ca	**Or** **City Clerks Services:** **City of Oshawa** 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, ON Toll Free: 1-800-667-4292 Phone: (905) 436-3311 Email: clerks@oshawa.ca Website:www.oshawa.ca

Home of the Highland Storm

U18 Rep Haliburton Timber Mart

The team had a strong and competitive season, showing growth, resilience, and commitment from start to finish.

Our roster this year included goaltenders: Nolan Taylor and Ethan Patterson; defensemen Zach Prentice, Matt Scheffee, Evan Shee, Evan Jones, and Parker Simms; and forwards Brody Hartwig, Caleb Manning, Josh Scheffee, Jace Mills, Chace Comer, Deagan Davison, Lucas Peelow, Jack Tomlinson, Luke Gruppe, Jacob Lawrence, and Mason Gibson.

The team battled hard all season and earned a spot in the Victoria Durham League finals against the Newcastle Stars. The best-of-three series was a hard-fought matchup that ultimately went to a decisive game three. In a tightly-contested game, the Storm came up just short, losing in overtime and narrowly missing the opportunity to advance to the Red Hat Tournament. Despite the outcome, the team showed tremendous determination and represented the association with pride.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to our graduating players: Mills, Simms, Jones, Manning, Patterson, Shee, Lawrence, and Scheffee. Your leadership and dedication have been invaluable to this team, and you have set a strong example for the younger players coming up through the program.

A special thank you as well to our affiliated player, Austin Latanville, who was a big help to our team during the playoffs.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of our bench staff—Zach Morissette, Ethan Glecoff, Tyler Martin, and Shawn Walker—whose time and commitment were instrumental to the team's success this season.

Overall, this group competed hard, supported one another, and made it an enjoyable and rewarding season. I'm proud of everything they accomplished. *(Submitted by head coach Joe Boice)*

U18 LL A&W

The Highland Storm A&W U18 LL team finished their season off strong, securing the Three County "B" division championship on home ice in Minden in front of their families and friends.

Although the team had a slow start to their year, they managed to finish fifth overall with an 11-7-4 record in the regular season. The team participated in three tournaments throughout the year in Bradford, Norwood and our home ice Silver Stick. With discipline and determination, the team was able to overcome challenges together and proved to themselves how hard work pays off. Most importantly, this team was thankful for the opportunity to have all our family members together to watch our final victory of the season.

Our U18 team would like to say a final thank you to all of the sponsors, but particularly A&W Haliburton, for supporting minor hockey in our community. To our local arena staff, who are always so helpful and cheer us on too; while making sure the ice surface and facilities are ready for us to use. To the referees, for giving our kids the opportunity to play games where they can showcase the skills that are developed during the long hours of practice throughout the season. To the timekeepers, especially Diane Peacock, whose unwavering dedication and support to our association will be greatly missed as she is retiring this season. And to our local Highland Storm executive for their time and dedication to ensure that our kids can continue to play a sport they love, right here at home. *(Submitted)*

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon, clubroom closed. Bridge at 1 p.m., youth dart league (ages 10-18) 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Cadets after school starts at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo will resume in the spring.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events Clubroom hours: Monday 3-6 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Thursday** with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' **Tuesday**.
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Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.
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Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Monday: open 7 to 10 p.m. Darts May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m., $5 per player.
Tuesday: closed, special events only. Exercise club May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Darts May 13, 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.; quick supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; cribbage at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: open 2 to 10 p.m. May 12 and 28 HHHS social recreation at 10 a.m.
Friday: open 2 to 11 p.m. May 1, 15 and 29 is fish and chips from 5 to 8 p.m.; May 8 and 22 is community care lunch at noon and wings and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: open 2 to 9 p.m. May 16 Lou Moody Fishing Derby 3 to 5 p.m., karaoke 8 p.m. to midnight; May 23 is honours and awards at 11 a.m.; May 30 is trivia at 7 p.m.
Sunday: closed, special events only. May 3 Ladies auxiliary breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 566 Cardiff

Hours: **Sunday and Monday** 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday** 3 to 9 p.m.
Events: Breakfast on the first **Sunday** of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; euchre on the second **Sunday** of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Shuffleboard every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m.
Music and jam session ever second **Saturday** of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.
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EVENTS

April 30, 7 p.m. The Hal High drama club presents *Fahrenheit 451* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Shows also running May 1 and 2. Entry by donation, with a recommended contribution of $11.

May 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student exhibition opens at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, showcasing artwork created by this year's graduating class. The exhibit, dubbed Limitless, runs until June 18.

May 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Haliburton Lions' Mothers' Day food bank fill-up event at the Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodland locations. Volunteers will be on hand accepting non-perishable food and cash donations. For more information, visit www.haliburtonlions.com.

May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Psychic wellness and mystic market at Castle Antiques, presented by The Wicked Wizard's Wife. There will be psychics and mediums, tarot readers, palmistry and mini sessions in reiki, reflexology, biofield tuning, sound healing and more.

May 3, 11:30 a.m. the Minden Whitewater Preserve is hosting an informal gathering and community paddle for those who knew or would like to honour International Whitewater Hall of Fame inductee, the late Roger Parsons. At 1870 Horseshoe Lake Rd. BBQ food will be available for purchase.

May 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Minden Health Care Auxiliary is running an end of season sale at the gift shop outside Hyland Crest long-term care home at 6 McPherson St. There will be clothes, purses, jewellery and more. Also running May 15.

May 9, 10 a.m. to noon. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust invites the public to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve for its upcoming 'spring wildflowers and leeks' Discovery Days event. Led by Michele Swyer. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Admission by donation.

May 9, 7 p.m. Bingo at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Back by popular demand. Cash prizes, including a $500 jackpot. Presented by the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, with proceeds supporting the youth ambassador program. Must be 18 or older to play. Cash only. Doors open at 6 p.m.

May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. SIRCH Repair Café returns, running at the bistro and bakery located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. From small appliances to household items, volunteer fixers will do their best to help bring things back to life. Running every second Sunday of the month until October.

May 11, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Stanhope Fire Fighters Community Hall, Algonquin Highlands. The final 'voices and votes session, Understanding campaigns: how success happens' will feature Lauren Hunter, a seasoned campaign strategist of more than 20 municipal, provincial, and federal campaigns, sharing the building blocks of a successful campaign, whether that's for elected office or for a cause people care about, along with practical tips and tools.

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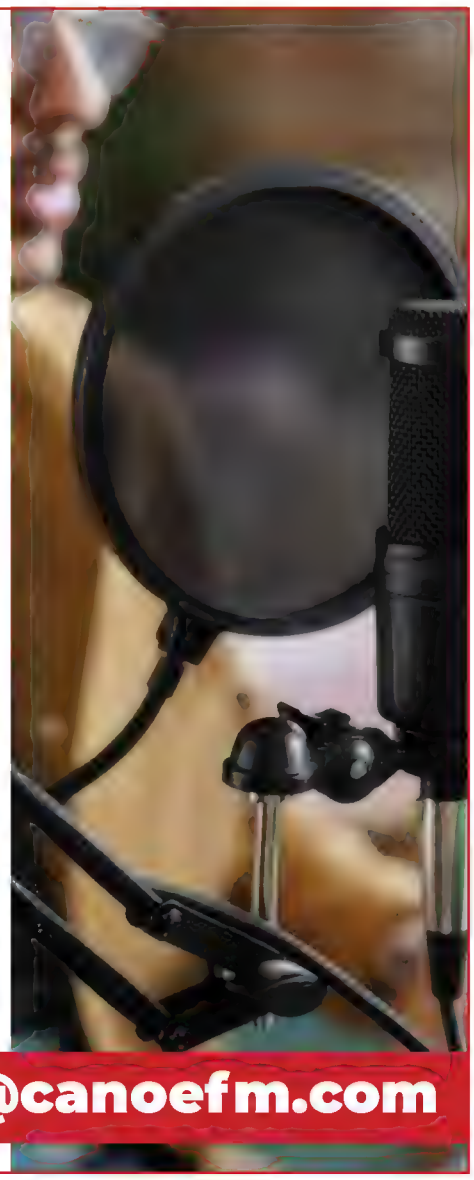

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'Light and love': mystic market returns

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A psychic, wellness and mystic market is coming to Haliburton May 2. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

For those looking to escape the daily grind of a typical Saturday, Castle Antiques will transform into a hub of healing and high energy May 2.

Andrew Nowell, owner of The Wicked Wizard's Wife, is hosting the second iteration of the mystic market, and this year's event serves a dual purpose: a grand opening for his permanent shop located within Castle Antiques and a massive expansion of the wellness market that first debuted in October.

"We're finding that there's a lot of followers within the Haliburton area. Those who are into energies and wellness, being able to kind of connect that way with the different people," Nowell explained of the market. "So it's become a little bit of a hub within what we're doing."

Interest in alternative wellness has grown in popularity in the Highlands, and Saturday's market will feature 27 vendors, that's up from the 19 who participated in the fall.

"It pulls everyone together, from Reiki and sound tuning... Ultimately, it's another fun avenue for the people of Haliburton," Nowell said.

The event will feature practitioners offering mediumship, tarot, and palm readings. Specialists in Reiki, sound healing, and massage, as well as local artisans selling unique items. Nowell, who performs readings himself, said the event is designed to be approachable, even for skeptics.

"I think people are looking for some alternatives to help with wellness and discover themselves," he explained. "The world seems to be a little bit toxic right now. People want to detoxify and start to feel good about their surroundings. Haliburton already promotes that with the lakes and trees; this is just another avenue for that escape."

The market runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a scheduled "soft stop" at 1 p.m. for a 20-minute collective sound healing session.

"Last October, everybody was booked solid," Nowell said. "This year we wanted to break it up to give everyone a chance to breathe, grab a bite, and reset."

While the event is expected to attract seasonal tourists, Nowell said that the market is designed to serve the year-round community. Data collected from a draw at the October event confirmed that a majority of participants were from within the County.

"I wanted something for the roots of Haliburton," Nowell said. "It's comforting for people to come in and realize, 'oh wait, I'm not the only one interested in this.' It's about meeting like-minded people."

Admission is free; however, individual sessions with psychics or wellness practitioners are booked on a first-come, first-served basis via on-site sign-up sheets.

Nowell indicated that he hopes to make the market a recurring event and is exploring the possibility of hosting future workshops and a community Halloween celebration later this year.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- April 30 – Special Council Meeting
- May 14 – Regular Council Meeting
- May 28 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS CLASSES

Registration is open for the next set of fitness and wellness classes. Classes include Buff, Balance and Burn, Warrior/ Warrior-lite and new Breathwork class. To register or get more information please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/ recreation or call (705) 286-1936 ext. 554.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• Join Angela Fornelli from the Kawartha Lakes Records & Archive Centre on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for an informative talk on preserving your family history. Learn best practices for storing photographs and documents, along with tips for safely handling archival materials to help protect your family's treasured records and memorabilia. This event is presented by the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group.

• *Mute Eloquence of Light: Arctic Works* by Janet Read will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until May 23. The exhibit features abstract paintings on linen, oil and acrylic works on panel, and mixed drawing–painting pieces, inspired by the artist's experiences in the Canadian Arctic and along Greenland's west coast. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

You are invited to First Responders Day 2025! On Friday, May 1st from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. come visit the Minden Hills Fire Department at 12418 Hwy 35.

SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS (HALF LOADS) IN EFFECT

Half Load weight restrictions are placed on roadways and posted each year in the spring for approximately 1-2 months. Persons contravening this regulation will be prosecuted under Section 122 of The Highway Traffic Act. Please watch for and obey posted signage.

FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVER

The Township is seeking public input on the proposed Pedestrian Crossover on Bobcaygeon Road in Downtown Minden. A webpage has been set up with information on the project – www.mindenhills.ca/pedestrian. Your feedback will be received until May 1, 2026. Please email your comments to admin@mindenhills.ca

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Due to a pending retirement, the Municipality of Highlands East is currently seeking candidates for the position of:

Full-Time, Building and Planning Assistant
Building Department

Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
$29.02/hour
Hours of Work: 35 hours/week

Reporting to the Chief Building Official, the successful candidate shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Building Department, by assisting with various administrative duties to ensure effective and efficient operations.

To apply you must possess:

- Completion of secondary education with up to one (1) year of vocational training or equivalent.
- Valid Class G Driver's License.
- One (1) year progressive experience as clerical/administrative support within a Municipal Building and Planning department or equivalent.
- Proficiency in computer applications (including but not limited to Microsoft Office Suite, Outlook and Municipal-specific software programs).
- General understanding of the Ontario Building Code Act and other applicable legislation including municipal Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws.
- Excellent organizational and record-keeping skills with keen attention to detail.
- Ability to communicate accurately and effectively both orally and in writing.
- Highly motivated to work both independently and in a team environment, with minimal supervision.
- Establish and maintain respectful and effective working relationships with others.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality where mandated or required.

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Full-Time, Building and Planning Assistant"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Monday, May 11th, 2026 via email, mail, in person, or fax. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Tracy Vader, HR/Payroll Coordinator
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: humanresources@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the HR/Payroll Coordinator.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Tracy Vader, HR/Payroll Coordinator.

The Municipality of Highlands East
is currently seeking candidates for the future position of:

Part-Time, Trails Coordinator
Property/Parks & Recreation Department

Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
$32.33/hour

Up to 30 Hours per week, varied days of the week
Overtime, weekend and evening work may be required.
Position to commence as soon as possible.

Reporting to the Property Supervisor, the successful candidate will lead the continued development and implementation of the Municipality's multi-use trail system. Building on foundational work, including the municipal Trails Strategy Initiative report, the Trails Coordinator will take a staged approach to expand and enhance trail infrastructure, access, and programming. This role requires strong collaboration with municipal departments, community stakeholders, and approval authorities to secure access across Crown, municipal, county, and private lands.

To apply you must possess:

- A Post-Secondary Diploma in Environmental Studies, Recreation Management Urban Planning, or a related field
- Minimum two (2) years experience in trail development, parks planning, or community project coordination
- Valid Ontario Class "G" Driver's License

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Part-Time, Trails Coordinator "** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 via email, mail, in person, or fax. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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U-Links is looking for an enthusiastic, self-directed individual to work with our community-based research and field team. Under the supervision of the U-Links Program Coordinator, you will play a pivotal role in supporting the Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch program. We are looking to hire an individual to perform water quality monitoring and aquatic plant surveys on upper-watershed lakes in Haliburton County. The purpose of the monitoring and surveys is to collect water quality data, inventory the aquatic plants on these lakes and identify any invasive aquatic species that may be present. Training on the sampling protocols and aquatic plant identification will be provided.

The ideal candidate will:

1. Either completed or be engaged in post-secondary education (environmental studies, environmental sciences, biology, or similar disciplines
2. Have some field knowledge of water quality monitoring and/or aquatic plant identification
3. Understand how to use a GPS device in the field and how to integrate collected data with GIS data
4. Be comfortable working in a boat and around water
5. Be able and willing to drive to Haliburton County
6. Reliable access to a vehicle is required.

Duration: This is an 8-week contract from July 6thth to August 28th, 2026.
Compensation: $22.50/hour + mileage + vacation pay.

For a full job description and more details go to www.ulinks.ca
Email a detailed cover-letter and resume to admin@ulinks.ca , by May 8th at 23:59 EST Applications will be assessed and interviewed as applications are received. We recommend applying early.

This position is funded by Canada Summer Jobs. must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person granted refugee status in Canada, be eligible to work in Canada and be between the ages of 15-30 (inclusive) at the start of employment. International students, and those who are here in Canada on a work, youth, or visitor visa/permit are not eligible for the program. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

U-LINKS
CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

Environmental Technician –Water Quality and Aquatic Plant Surveying Student Work Placement

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The ideal candidate will:

1. Be in a post-secondary program in the field of environmental technology, environmental sciences, biology, ecosystems management or a similar field, and be returning to school in the same program in the fall.
2. Have field knowledge of water quality monitoring and/or aquatic plant monitoring or other ecological monitoring protocols.
3. Understand how to use a GPS device in the field and how to integrate collected data with GIS data.
4. Be comfortable working in a boat and around water.
5. Have reliable access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license.
6. Have strong written and oral communication skills.
7. Have strong attention to detail and critical thinking skills.
8. Have knowledge of environmental research practices, and an ability to remain cognizant of changing environmental issues related to Haliburton County.
9. Be competent with Microsoft Office applications and with social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

Duration: This position is a 16-week, pending funding, beginning in May and ending before September.

Compensation: $22.50/hour + mileage + vacation pay.

For a full job description and more details go to www.ulinks.ca
Email a detailed cover-letter and resume to admin@ulinks.ca , by May 8th at 23:59 EST. Applications will be assessed and interviewed as applications are received. We recommend applying early.

Applicants must be an active student enrolled in an accredited Canadian po st-secondary institution. This job is open to students who hold Canadian citizenship, Canadian permanent residency status, or Canadian refugee status. Priority will be given to female students in STEAM fields, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, Indigenous students, first-year students, and recent immigrants. The student is not required to be in a formal co-op program with the post-secondary institution. Work/Study permit holders do not qualify. We thank all those interested in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Full job description at https://www.haliburtonarts.on.ca

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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires:

One (1) GIS Technician (12-month contract)

The GIS Technician is responsible for the development, compilation, and analysis of GIS data. The successful applicant will possess related post-secondary education and two (2) years of related experience. The hourly rate for this temporary CUPE unionized position is $35.06.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than **May 8, 2026, at 4:30pm**.

Two (2) GIS – NG911 Data Supports (17-week contract)
The GIS – Next Generation 911 Data Support position assists in the development, validation, and maintenance of GIS datasets that support Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency services by refining civic address point data. Successful candidates will possess education or experience with GIS software such as ArcGIS Pro. The 2026 hourly rate for this temporary CUPE unionized position is $21.28.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than **April 30, 2026, at 4:30pm**.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for detailed posting and job description information.

We thank all who apply for this position; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

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Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume by
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Dawn Mugford-Guay
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In Loving Memory of

Charles "Charlie" George Hadley

Passed peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday. April 25, 2026, at the age of 95.

Beloved husband for 63 years to the late Jean (nee Crozier). Dear father of sons Peter (Kathleen) and Ken. Loving grandpa to Kevin (Eli), Eric (Lex), Owen (Amanda), Avory (Matt) and great grandpa to Molly, Emma and Bane. Dear brother to Edna Morgan and Marjorie Hallam.

Charlie was born in Ripley, Ontario and grew up in Gooderham. Charlie started teaching at the age of 19 at the One Room Elsie School on Hwy 35 and taught for 35 years. Charlie had a great love for music and played with numerous bands in Haliburton County and Toronto. On his retirement, he returned to Minden where he built his own sawmill and did custom lumber sawing. Later in life, Charlie and Jean became avid curlers at the Minden Curling Club.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, May 8, 2026 from 11:00 am until the time to Celebrate Charlie's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Gardens, Haliburton and the medical team at Haliburton Hospital for their kindness and professional care.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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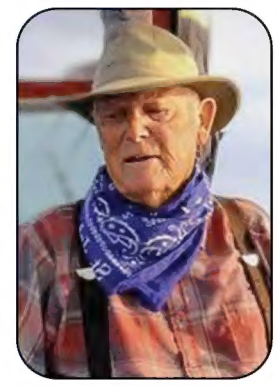

CURRY, Donald "Don" - It is with love and sadness that we share the news of the passing of Don on Monday, December 1, 2025 at the age of 96 1/2.

Beloved husband and best friend of the late Elizabeth "Betty" (2006) for over 57 years. They built a family grounded in love. Cherished and adored by his son Clifford (Martine) and daughter Cathy Osgood (Peter). Devoted grandpa of Matthew (Colleen), Jennifer (Shawn Jefferson) and Jessica (Zac Wrobel). Great Grandfather of Quinn and Claire Jefferson, Ava and Brynn Curry and Rylie Wrobel.

Dad came from a large and loving family consisting of eight siblings in the beautiful village of Haliburton. Brother of the late George (2005) and Terry, late Gwen (2018) and Joe, late Millie (2023) and Ernie, late Russell (2002) and Faye, late Lloyd (2025) and Louise, late Ruth (2021) and Les, and Jack (2025). He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

Dad and mom spent most of their years together in Sudbury (Gatchell). Where dad was a long-time employee of Inco, and a proud volunteer firefighter. They spent many summers at the camp at Ratter Lake and those classic Labour Day get togethers. They later spent their retirement divided between Haliburton, Manitoulin Island and Arizona.

Dad was very proud to tell you that he was retired longer than he worked.

Dad made friends everywhere he went with his smile and quick wit and the best hugs. He always said he would live to be 102 then get shot by a jealous husband...thank goodness that did not happen.

Dad and mom spent their summers on Manitoulin Island sharing adventures and stories and countless times seeing beloved deer with their grandkids whom they adored.

Dad's legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched.

He will be missed by his cherished friends Roy and Maureen Hannah, Tracey, Brent, and Jennifer. The Hannah's were like family. Deanna Rosenberg who kept dad in line and on standby to book his appointment and any other task of which he could think.

The staff of F.J. Davey Home in Sault Ste. Marie, where do we begin to thank each of you for the unconditional love that you gave to our dad. You are all truly angels in disguise.

The celebration of life is at 12:00 May 2nd at evergreen cemetery in Haliburton where he will be laid to rest with wife, mother and his siblings. Memorial donations to the FJ Davey Home or the charity of your choice is greatly appreciated.

Arrangements entrusted to Northwood Funeral Home Cremation and Reception Centre (942 Great Northern Rd, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 0B6, 705-945-7758). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be offered at www.northwoodfuneral.com

In Loving Memory of

Charles Norman (Chuck) Wright

It is with sadness that the family of Charles Norman (Chuck) Wright announce his passing at Hospice North Hastings on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at the age of 84 following a difficult illness.

Chuck Wright, born in Hearts Content, Newfoundland, beloved husband of Jean (Martin) Wright, loving father of Beth (& Morris) Greenberg of Maynooth, Ed (& Lisa) Wright of Scarborough and Jeff (& Diane) Wright of Whitby, cherished grandfather of Monique, Matthew, David, Sam, Zoe, Mackenzie, Jesse and Teryn and great grandfather of Ava. Chuck will be fondly remembered by his sisters Lillian Hobbs of Haliburton, Louise Murray of St. Johns, Nfld., and Mabel Earle also of St. Johns. He was predeceased by Emma and Fred and by his parents,William and Mary Wright.

Chuck was a self employed crane operator for many years. He and Jean have enjoyed many years on their property in Tory Hill where he enjoyed hunting, being in the bush and ATVing.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Neuman Family Funeral Home. In keeping with Chuck's requests, there will be no funeral service. Cremation has taken place at Elmwood Crematorium in Corbyville, Ontario.

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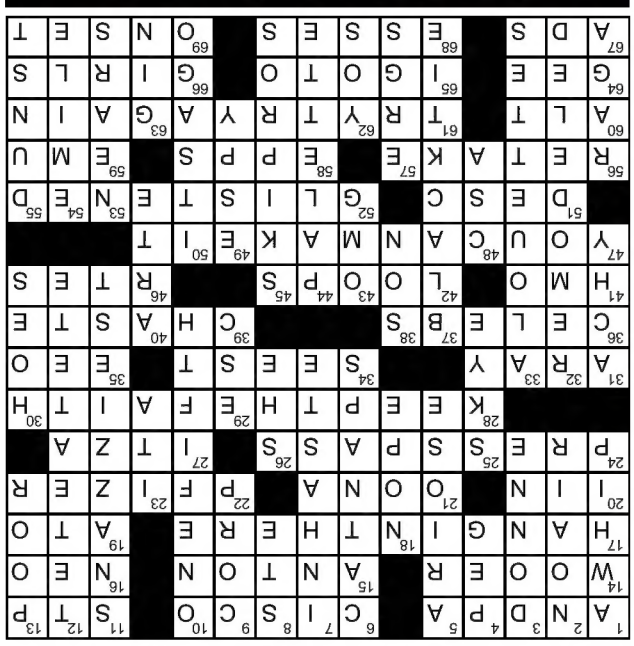

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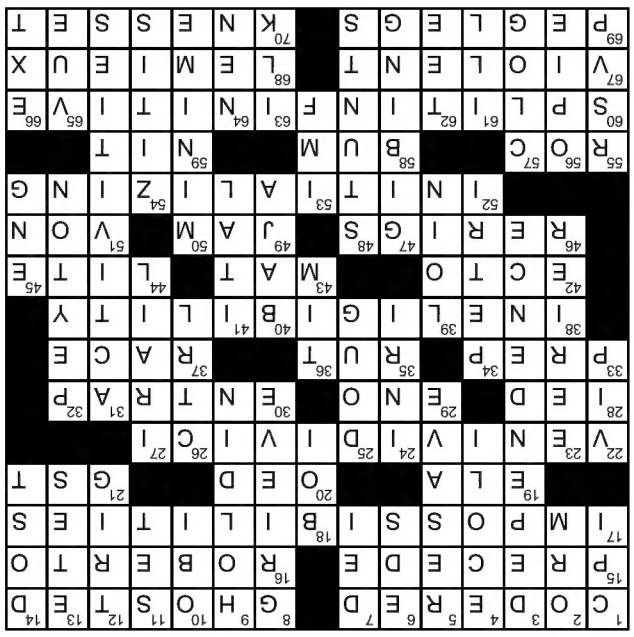

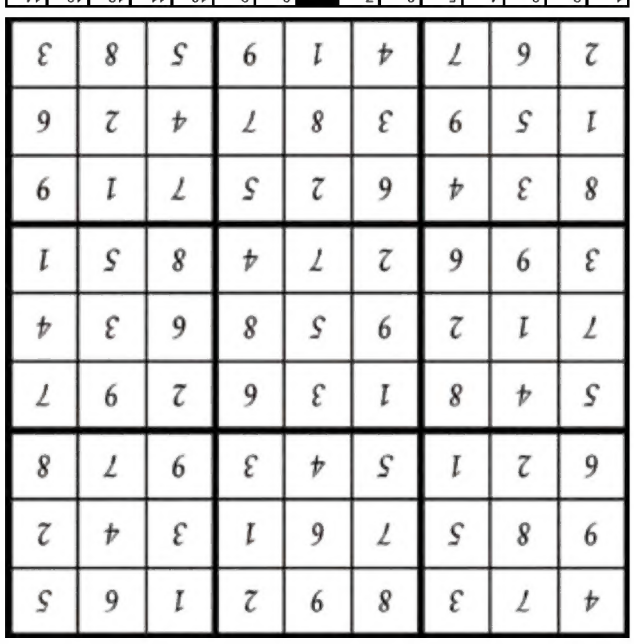

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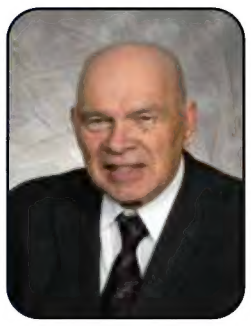
In Loving Memory of

Arvo Joseph Kaasalainen



Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital with his family at his side on Wednesday, January 14, 2025, in his 90th year.

Beloved husband for 65 years to Barbara (nee Gillies). Dear father of Paul and Diana of Canning Lake, John and Dawn of Barrie, Steven and Sharon of Burlington. Loving grandpa of Travis, Chrissy, Jason (Megan), Autum, Andrew, Aaron, Geoffrey, Kursten and great grandpa of Indiana, Isla and Wesley. Dear brother of the late Ernie and Karlo; survived by their children Randy, Danny, David and Sheila. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Friends are invited to Celebration of Arvo's Life at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Lisa Suzanne Harrison

Lisa passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 with her loving family by her side, in her 67th year.

Beloved daughter of Roger & Barbara (nee Burton) Harrison. Dear sister of Scott (Fenelon Falls) and Glen (Haliburton). Loving aunt of Travis, Michael, Jesse, Sarah, and great aunt to Kylar and Addison. Fondly remembered by her cousins Beth and Andrea, and by her family and friends.

Lisa was a graduate of McLaughlin High School, Oshawa and earned her degree in Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University, Toronto. Her passions were music, research, and writing for magazines and several companies -her favourite client was in B.C.

Special thanks to Dr.Scott Coles and her "Fab Four" PSW's for their care and compassion these past few months and to the other members of her health care team for their exceptional support. The family will be forever grateful.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 11:00 am until the time of the service to Celebrate Lisa's life at 12:00 pm. Reception to follow in the fellowship room at the church. Private family interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

Memorial Donations to SIRCH (by cheque only) or the Haliburton United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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In Loving Memory of

Marlene Pilcher
(nee Corby)

It is with great sadness that we announce to passing of Marlene at Extendicare, Haliburton on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the age of 84.

Beloved Wife of the late Edwin "Ed". Loving Mother of Ted and his wife Pauline, Jeanette and her partner Greg. Cherished Grandmother to Christopher (Dee), Alicia (Luke), Sam and Ben and Great Grandmother to Jake, Ethan, Liam, Rhett and Hudson. Honorary Grandmother to Sarah, Karen and Aaron. Dear Sister to Lois Gord and Sister-in-law to Edna Newell. Predeceased by her Parents Phillip Corby and Therm Dennison and by her Siblings Phillip, Mary, Loretta and Lorna.

Marlene spent most of her working life in the food services industry, the last 2+ decades at the Blairhampton Golf Club alongside her dear friend Sandy. Marlene was always quick with a witty comeback and taught her family the meaning of strength, loyalty, love and sacrifice.

An Interment and Service will be held at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, 112 Chambers Road, Carnarvon, Ontario on a date and time to be announced.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada (cheques only), Thyroid Foundation of Canada or Snowflake Meadows Rescue (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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In Loving Memory of

Orval Cecil Cooper

Orval Cecil, born April 29, 1931 at Maple Lake, ON passed away peacefully on April 16, 2026 at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

Orval was the beloved husband of Brenda (née Ferguson) for 51 years. Loving father to Steven (Brenda), Bradley (Sharon), John (Janet), and Mark (Diane). He was a proud and devoted grandfather to Warren and Mariah, Lucas and Riley, and Marci and James, he was also blessed with seven great-grand children.

He is survived by his dear sister Yvonne and will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Orval was predeceased by his siblings William and Lola.

A dedicated and hardworking man of a reputable company co-founded with his life partner Brenda. He was a true pioneer known for his strong work ethic and for setting exceptionally high standards in his profession, leaving a lastinglegacy through his work and leadership.

Orval will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his integrity, and the impact he made on those who had the privilege of knowing him.

A visitation and funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 29th on what would have been his 95th birthday, at the Beacan Presbyterian Church, Beaverton visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation and would be appreciated by the family.

Orval will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

YARD SALE

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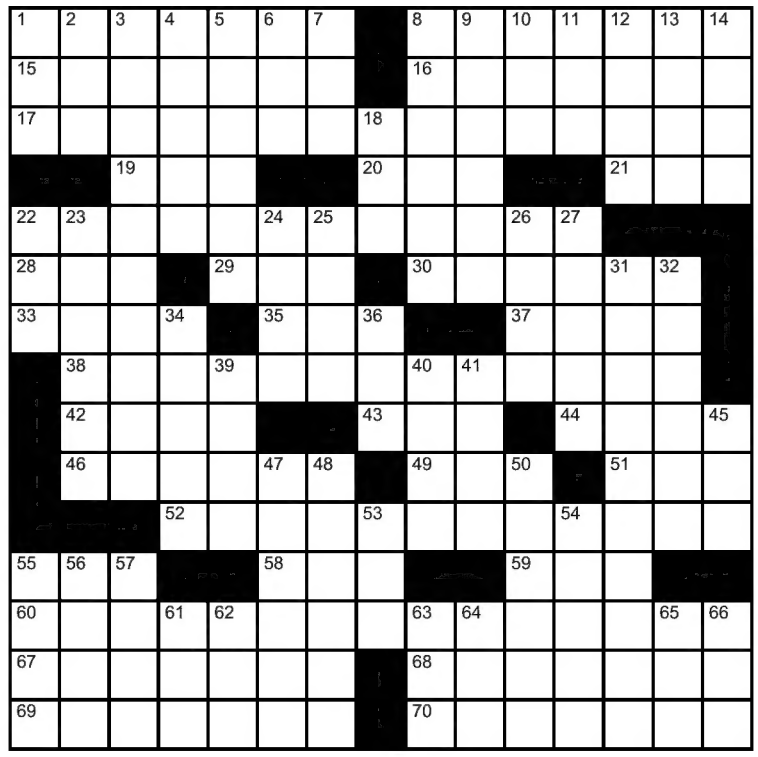

Across

1 Coloured emergency alert
8 Cold-shouldered, in modern slang
15 Come before
16 Former Blue Jays great Alomar
17 Pigs flying or hell freezing over, for two
19 Toronto-based vegan handbag company
20 Its 2023 ed. includes "Swiftie"
21 Prime Meridian clock setting: Abbr.
22 Caesar's famous triplet
28 Deadly wartime hazard: Abbr.
29 Tums rival
30 Capture craftily
33 Chop veggies, grate cheese, etc.
35 Same old same old
37 Marathon or relay
38 Disqualification, as from participating
42 "Outer" prefix
43 Islamic prayer surface
44 Lower alcohol, as beer
46 Hoists again, as sails
49 Copier paper hassle
51 "From," in German names
52 Starting up, as a program
55 "Arabian Nights" flier
58 Hit up for, as a smoke
59 It's on a monkey back
60 Grammatical nono, like "to boldly go"
67 Like tempests and some tempers
68 Hockey name meaning "the best"
69 Cartoon pirates' limbs
70 Israel's legislature

Down

1 Purchasing power meas.
2 "N ___?" (Christie title with a letter choice)
3 Topic at Addicts Anonymous
4 Unwashed spinach concern
5 Click the diskette again
6 Broadbent and Sheeran
7 "Agnus ___" (Mass hymn)
8 Mourn
9 Suppress
10 Kimono sash
11 Place of "Action!"
12 Sin, cos and tan subj.
13 Nous sommes, vous ___, ils sont
14 "Methinks thou ___ protest too much"
18 OutKast rapper Big ___
22 Private jet rider, say
23 Like "The Shining" vis-à-vis "The Notebook"
24 Crucifix letters
25 Canadian band ___ and the Slugs
26 Task shortcut key
27 Train track bar
31 Things to do at summer camp
32 Old soap "___ Place"
34 Dish under the microscope
36 Horton of hockey and donuts
39 Tender steak cut
40 Cabo's peninsula
41 Book title format: Abbr.
45 Part of ESL: Abbr.
47 Taunting
48 Evel doings
50 Dr. Evil's little clone
53 Global lending org.
54 Pasta tubes meaning "brides" in Italian
55 Invitation letters
56 '60s role for a red-headed Ron
57 Stop up
61 Prefix meaning "poorly"
62 Arrange, with "up"
63 "A cow is of the bovine ___ / One end is moo, the other milk"
64 Palindromic pitcher Robb
65 '02 Saturn SUV
66 No. after a phone no.

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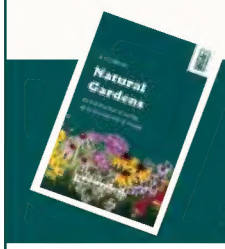

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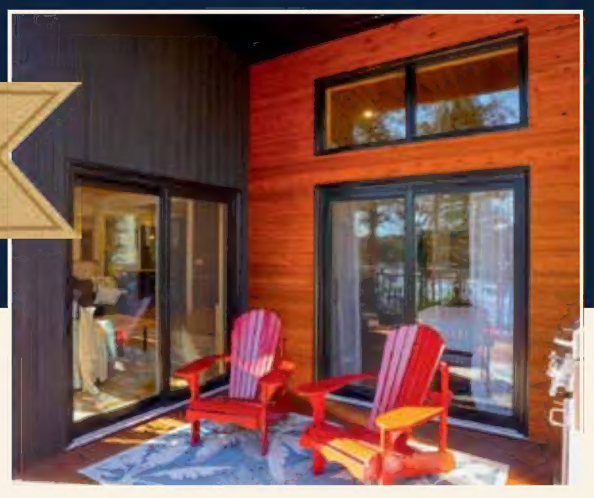

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